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EMPLOYMENT: **University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC**
Lecturer (Fall 2014-Present)

EDUCATION: **Clemson University, Clemson, SC**
Ph.D. in Economics, August 2014
Dissertation: Essays on the Political Geography of the United States
Committee Chair: William R. Dougan

Master of Arts in Economics, Summa Cum Laude, December 2010

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Bachelor of Arts in Economics with Honors and Distinction, May 2009
Honors Thesis: "Exchange Rate Regimes and Economic Performance in a European Setting"
Advisor: Stanley Black

Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems, Summer 2007

FIELDS OF INTEREST:
Public Economics (Primary)
Financial Economics (Secondary)
Macroeconomics (Secondary)
Monetary Economics (Secondary)
Applied Econometrics (Secondary)

JOB MARKET PAPER: *Urban Blues? The Impact of Population Density on Electoral Preferences*

The correlation between income and voting is very different based on what part of the country a voter resides. In rural areas, there is a high and negative correlation between income and probability of voting for a democratic presidential candidate, while in urban areas, the correlation

is much weaker. This paper shows that controlling for not only individual specific characteristics of voters but also geographic characteristics such as racial diversity, population density, and economic diversity, much of the regional differences between the effects of income on voting "disappears". One potential explanation for this geographical significance is in urban areas the high population density creates more interaction between economic classes that better allows more affluent individuals to observe the benefits associated with government redistribution more so than in a rural area.

WORKING PAPERS:

Urban Blues? The Impact of Population Density on Electoral Preferences

Teaching a Man to Fish: The Political Geography of Public Education

Spreading the Wealth: The Political Geography of Redistribution

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Lecturer

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Fall 2014)
International Economic Development (Fall 2014)

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Graduate Instructor of Record

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014)
Honors Principles of Macroeconomics (Spring 2013)
Money and Banking (Fall 2012)
Principles of Macroeconomics (Spring 2012, Summer 2012, Fall 2012)
Principles of Microeconomics (Fall 2011)
Ph.D. Level Comprehensive Exam Review Course (Summer 2011)

Teaching Assistant

Head TA, Principles of Macroeconomics (Dr. Scott Baier, Spring 2013)
Head TA, Principles of Microeconomics (Dr. Andrew Hanssen, Fall 2012)
Principles of Macroeconomics (Dr. Scott Baier, Spring 2011)

Principles of Microeconomics (Dr. Charles Thomas, Fall 2010)
International Economics (Dr. Todd Schoellman, Spring 2010)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Teaching Assistant
Introductory Economics (Dr. Ralph Byrns, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009)
Honors Introductory Economics (Dr. Ralph Byrns, Fall 2007)

RESEARCH: Research Assistant for Dr. Todd Schoellman, Fall 2009-Spring 2010

AWARDS AND HONORS: Walker Fellowship – Spring 2013, Fall 2012

Commendation from Clemson University Student Affairs for Positive Impact on Students – 2012

Hugh H. McCaulay Award for Best First-Year Economics Graduate Student – 2011

Koch Summer Fellowship – 2010, 2011

Graduate Assistantship, John E. Walker Department of Economics, Clemson University – (2009-2014)

Omicron Delta Epsilon, Inducted Spring 2008

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Inducted Spring 2007

ACTIVITIES: **Administrative:**
Created and Organized Clemson University Macroeconomics Workshop for John E. Walker Department of Economics (Spring 2011)

University Service:
Member of Committee for Assessment of Student, University of South Carolina (Fall 2014-Present)
Finance Committee Chairman, Clemson University Graduate Student Government (May 2012-Present)
Member, Search Committee for New Dean of Students/Associate Vice-President of Student Affairs: (May 2013-September 2013)

Member, Thursday Night Home Game (football) Planning Committee (March 2013)
Member, Activities Committee, Clemson University Graduate Student Government (August 2013-Present)
Member, Steering Committee, Clemson University Graduate Student Senate (May 2012-Present)
Member, Finance Committee, Clemson University Graduate Student Senate (August 2011-Present)
Graduate Student Senator, Department of Economics, Clemson University Graduate Student Government (August 2011-Present)

PRESENTATIONS:

Public Economics Workshop, Clemson University (October 2012, March 2013, September 2013, October 2013)

Macroeconomics Workshop, Clemson University (March 2011, September 2012)

SKILLS MS Office, STATA, LaTex, SAS, Familiar with R and Matlab

REFERENCES:

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